GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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MONEY SPENT ON IDLE TIME WAGES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a large sum of money is being spent on idle time wages by the Government due to closure of sick industries in various sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and (

(c) the measures taken to reduce such wages?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) to (c) : The Government provides non-plan loans to terminally sick public sector units for payment of wages and salaries, meeting cash losses, working capital expenses etc. During the year 1999-2000, an amount of Rs.1735 crore was allocated for the purpose. The allocation for the year 2000-2001 has been reduced to Rs.1236 crore. State-wise details are not centrally maintained.